

To Whom It May Concern:

ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND VACATION DATES FOR STUDENT VISA HOLDERS 2026/27

The information below indicates vacation periods for Undergraduate (UG) students at Heriot-Watt University UK Campuses.

The comments relating to work restrictions are indicative and do not constitute legal advice.

Employers should still follow guidance from their HR department or solicitors if they are considering providing paid or unpaid work to a Student Visa holder.

Employers should please note that we cannot provide personalised letters for students, however this letter should be used alongside a students personalised enrolment letter.

Undergraduate Students

If your programme is below degree level (Foundation programme and Pre-sessional English) you can work 10 hours per week during term time and full-time during break times.

If your programme is at degree level or above, you can work 20 hours per week during term time and full-time during break times.

Break times:

[Academic calendar - Heriot-Watt University \(hw.ac.uk\)](https://www.hw.ac.uk/academic-calendar)

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| December Break | 21 st December 2026 to 15 th January 2027 |
| April Break | 12 th April 2027 to 23 rd April 2027 |
| Summer Break | 10 th May 2027 to 3 rd September 2027 |

Students who have completed all programme assessments may work unrestricted hours after the course end date indicated on their Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

Where a Student Visa Holder is informed that they are permitted to undertake unrestricted hours of paid or unpaid work, due to passing the programme end date on their CAS, and they then re-enrol with the University to continue their studies, including completing a dissertation or thesis, they must go back to complying with the restricted working hours indicated on their Visa.

Yours faithfully



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